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IRS Electronic Advisory Committee Delivers Report to Congress

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WASHINGTON — The Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC) recently presented its 2008 Annual Report to Congress. The report includes 21 recommendations on a wide range of issues that pertain to individual filers and business, such as modernized e-File and web services.

The ETAAC provides feedback on the development and implementation of the IRS' electronic tax administration strategy.

"ETAAC plays a significant role in IRS efforts to improve the taxpayer's experience via e-File and the Internet," said David Williams, director of Electronic Tax Administration. "ETAAC feedback helps the IRS shift more returns from paper to e-File, which is a top priority."

The 14-member ETAAC provides an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues and the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most-convenient method of filing tax and information returns.

"This has been a remarkable year for the IRS given late tax legislation and processing of the stimulus payments," said Tim Hubbs, ETAAC chairman. "The ETAAC looks forward to seeing further progress in electronic tax administration."

ETAAC submits an annual progress report to Congress each June. The IRS Electronic Tax Administration created the ETAAC in 1998 as required by the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998. The report is the result of research, analysis, and meetings with senior IRS executives as well as the ETAAC members. Public comments on the report will be solicited via the Federal Register in the fall.

The <u>full report</u> is now available on <u>IRS.gov</u>.